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TAC Minutes, 6/13/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 6/13/12, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis (arrived at 8:15), Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jean Clark, Paul Kent, Evan Litwin, Richard Turcotte, Corey Rateau,

Ex Officio Present: Mike Rademacher (7:30 to 8:30)

1. Town reports.

- Laura (Planning) reported that the Planning Dept. has hired an Economic Development Coordinator, Alan Manoian, who would like to attend the next TAC meeting to meet TAC and introduce himself. Planning Department is starting to prepare for a Master Plan kick-off meeting, and will be creating a Master Plan Advisory Committee. Kick-off date is October 17, 2012. Also, DPW has signed off on the Symmes condition requiring a curb extension at Woodside Lane, Vista Circle and Hazel Terrace. Majority of neighbors are opposed and Engineering thought it was not critical.

- Wayne (DPW) submitted a written report of DPW activities.

2. CLAMP. Mike has drafted a new plan for the intersection of Mass. Ave. and Route 60 that maintains both parking and bike lanes, with 10' travel lanes. May need to get a design exception from MassDOT Highway Division. TAC members were generally favorable. Maintaining parking and narrowing lanes will have the advantage of slowing down traffic.

3. Mass/Water/Spengler. Data has been collected on surrounding streets and on compliance with new regulations prohibiting left turns onto Mass. Ave. from Water and Spengler. There doesn't seem to be any significant increase in traffic, nor have there been any complaints received. Compliance is over 94%. Could be better, but reasonable. Ed will draft a report to the Board of Selectmen based on data.

4. Administration. (Jeff joined the meeting)

- a. Minutes of 5/9/12 were approved unanimously, with minor corrections.

- b. Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.

5. Jason Street cut through traffic. TAC report went to Selectmen, who asked for a full study of the area. Rich will lead Working Group. Jeff reported that in a recent meeting of the Executive Committee with Select Chair Kevin Greeley, Kevin offered to chair a public meeting on this or other topics.

6. Old Mystic/Hutchinson. Ed circulated a draft report for Selectmen which recommended putting a reflecting sign at the stone wall at 64 Old Mystic to alert drivers to location of turn and the wall. This is a low cost solution worth trying before looking at other more expensive solutions. Voted unanimously. Ed will draft final report for Selectmen.

7. CVS. TAC has collected post-occupancy data and prepared a report for ARB which was reviewed at the meeting. The improvements suggested appear to be adequate. The TAC approved submitting the report to the ARB. A memo to the Board of Selectmen is also needed. Ed will complete, circulate, and submit. This will free up escrow funds for improvements at Mass/Jason/Mill intersection.

8. Mass/Jason/Mill intersection. Jeff will call a meeting of the Working Group. The Opticom system is expected to use \$8400 from the \$50,000 CVS escrow account, leaving \$41,600 for improvement to this intersection. TAC hasn't yet determined the recommended improvements.

9. Schools.

- a. Brackett. John reported that Mustafa Varoglu, will continue as co-coordinator, working with Sarah Hugenberger.

- b. Hardy. Bike racks will be relocated at request of principal. It appears that the remote drop-off area on Chandler is not being used.

10. Sidewalks around schools. Elisabeth sent out maps to be updated by school liaisons. Laura will talk to Carol about using summer intern to help with sidewalk inventory at Ottoson.
11. Lake Street corridor. Bike path at Lake Street counts are complete. During the peak evening hour (5:30-6:30 PM), approximately 400 users were observed, evenly split between bikes and pedestrians. Jeff requested the synchro model for Lake/Mass. Ave. from FST. He got the timing of the Lake/Brooks signal from Wayne.
12. Route 60/Mystic Valley Parkway. Letter was sent to DCR by the Town Manager based upon a draft by Wayne requesting that they look at the intersection for pedestrian safety.
13. Cedar/Fountain. Jen Rothenberg invited Mike and Jeff to a neighborhood association meeting. Curb work is estimated at \$16,000. It is up to the neighborhood association to proceed.
14. Mill Street flashing beacon at bike path crossing. Part of traffic mitigation for new residential project at former Brigham's factory. Wayne is waiting to hear from developer's traffic consultant. Flashing red will face bike path, yellow will face vehicle traffic. Needs to be installed before Occupancy Permit.
15. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for June: Agenda, 6/13/12; Minutes of 5/9/12; Working Group List, 5/9/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 6/13/12; Individual Action List from 5/9/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 6/13/12; Water/Spengler Data, 5/4/12; Memo from Marie Krepelka to Robert Jefferson, Fire Chief, Re. Signal Controls for the Intersections of Mass. Ave. And Mill St. and Summer St. and Mill St., dated May 24, 2012; Memo to Arlington Board of Selectmen from Robert Jefferson, Signal controls for the Intersection of Mass. Ave. and Mill St. and Summer St. and Mill St., dated May 16, 2012; Email from Elisabeth Carr-Jones to DuhNik Re. Forest and Park, dated May 15, 2012; Email from Elisabeth Carr-Jones to McNeill Family, Re. input on additional crosswalk on Gray Street, Scituate or Mt. Vernon, dated May 14, 2012; Email from Elisabeth Carr-Jones to Tom Scott re. Medford St. 35 mph zone necessary?, dated May 11, 2012; Memo to Arlington Redevelopment Board from Transportation Advisory Committee Re. Post-Build Evaluation of CVS Impact on High School Pedestrians and Traffic, dated June 21, 2012;
- Memo to TAC From WAC, Re. TAC Update Items, dated June 13, 2012
- Bikeway Counts at Swan Place